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Michigan Supreme Court Public Administrative Hearing on September 14 Includes Amendments to Expand Videoconferencing

LANSING, MI, September 7, 2016 - Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 1997-11, the Michigan Supreme Court will hold a public administrative hearing on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, in the Supreme Court courtroom located on the sixth floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48915.

On the agenda are proposed amendments that would permit courts to expand the use of videoconferencing technology to additional court proceedings. Based on current court rules, the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) has saved \$14.7 million since 2010 through the virtual transport of prisoners. The savings to MDOC in staff time and travel have climbed from \$649,000 in FY 2011 to \$4.3 million in FY 2015 and are expected to reach \$4.8 million in FY 2016.

The hearing will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn no later than 11:30 a.m. Persons who wish to address the Court regarding matters on the agenda will be allotted three minutes each to present their views, after which the speakers may be questioned by the Justices.

A complete list of administrative matters on the agenda for this hearing is [here](#). Previously submitted comments on these matters can be found at this [link](#) and clicking on the appropriate court rule chapter or administrative order.

To reserve a place on the agenda, please notify the Office of Administrative Counsel in writing at P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, Michigan 48909, or by e-mail at ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov no later than Monday, September 12, 2016.

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